

**Amendment to the Claims**

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49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for facilitating play of a wagering game on a gaming device, comprising:

prior to allowing play of a wagering game including a particular feature and via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game, determining whether an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game with the particular feature has been received from a regulatory authority;

verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;  
and

only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the wagering game with the particular feature.

50. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.

51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.

52. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game has not been received from the regulatory authority.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after  
allowing play of the wagering game.

55. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 54, wherein updating  
data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a  
wager currently placed on the wagering game.

56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 54, wherein updating  
data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a  
current play of the wagering game.

57. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory  
authority if the expiration condition has been met.

58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.

59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for facilitating play of a wagering  
game on a gaming device, comprising:

prior to allowing play of a wagering game on a particular gaming device,  
determining via a processor of a device operable to facilitate the wagering game whether  
an authorization code for enabling play of the wagering game on the particular gaming  
device has been received from a regulatory authority;

verifying, via the processor, an expiration condition for the authorization code;  
and

only if the expiration condition has not yet been met, allowing play of the  
wagering game on the particular gaming device.

60. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a date on which the authorization code is no longer valid.
61. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum number of plays of the wagering game for which the authorization code is valid.
62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, wherein the expiration condition is a maximum sum of wagers for which the authorization code is valid.
63. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
prior to allowing play of the wagering game, confirming via the processor that an authorization code disallowing play of the wagering game on the particular gaming device has not been received from the regulatory authority.
64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
updating, via the processor, data corresponding to the expiration condition after allowing play of the wagering game.
65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating the sum of wagers placed on the wagering game based on a wager currently placed on the wagering game.
66. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 64, wherein updating data comprises updating a number of plays of the wagering game played based on a current play of the wagering game.

67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
requesting, via the processor, a new authorization code from the regulatory  
authority if the expiration condition has been met.
68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 59, further comprising:  
purchasing the authorization code from the regulatory authority.
69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for verifying play of a wagering  
game in accordance with a feature, comprising:  
determining, via a processor of a computing device, that a wagering game has  
been mandated by a regulatory authority to only be played while a specified feature is  
enabled;  
receiving an authorization code from a gaming operator operating the wagering  
game, the authorization code indicating whether the wagering game has only been  
allowed to be played while the feature was enabled; and  
verifying, by a processor and by decrypting the authorization code, that the  
wagering game has only been allowed to be played while the feature was enabled.